

(2) The authorization is for a period not to exceed 60 days pending the filing of an application for such regular operation;

(3) The authorization is to permit interim operation to facilitate completion of authorized construction or to provide substantially the same service as previously authorized; or

(4) The authorization is made upon a finding that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring operation in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such service would seriously prejudice the public interest.

(c) Temporary authorizations of operation not exceed 180 days may be granted under the standards of section 309(f) of the Communications Act where extraordinary circumstances so require. Extensions of the temporary authorization for a period of 180 days each may also be granted, but the renewal applicant bears a heavy burden to show that extraordinary circumstances warrant such an extension.

(d) In cases of emergency found by the Commission, involving danger to life or property or due to damage of equipment, or during a national emergency proclaimed by the president or declared by the Congress or during the continuance of any war in which the United States is engaged and when such action is necessary for the national defense or safety or otherwise in furtherance of the war effort, or in cases of emergency where the Commission finds that it would not be feasible to secure renewal applications from existing licensees or otherwise to follow normal licensing procedure, the Commission will grant radio station authorizations and station licenses, or modifications or renewals thereof, during the emergency found by the Commission or during the continuance of any such national emergency or war, as special temporary licenses, only for the period of emergency or war requiring such action, without the filing of formal applications.

§ 26.316 Receipt of application; applications in the General Wireless Communications Service filed on FCC Form 175 and other applications in the GWCS Service.

(a) All applications for the initial provision of GWCS service must be sub-

mitted on FCC Forms 175 and 175-S. Mutually exclusive initial applications in the General Wireless Communications Services are subject to competitive bidding. FCC Form XXX ("Application for New or Modified General Wireless Communications Service Radio Station Under Part 26") must be submitted by each winning bidder for each GWCS license applied for on FCC Form 175. In the event that mutual exclusivity does not exist between applicants filing FCC Form 175, the applicant will also file FCC Form 401. The aforementioned Forms 175, 175-S, and XXX are subject to the provisions of Part 1, Subpart Q of this chapter ("Competitive Bidding Proceedings") and subpart E of this part. Blanket licenses are granted for each market frequency block. Applications for individual sites are not needed and will not be accepted. See § 26.11.

(b) Applications received for filing are given a file number. The assignment of a file number to an application is merely for administrative convenience and does not indicate the acceptance of the application for filing and processing. Such assignment of a file number will not preclude the subsequent return or dismissal of the application if it is found to be not in accordance with the Commission's rules.

(c) Acceptance of an application for filing merely means that it has been the subject of a preliminary review as to completeness. Such acceptance will not preclude the subsequent return or dismissal of the application if it is found to be defective or not in accordance with the Commission's rules.

§ 26.317 Public notice period.

(a) At regular intervals, the Commission will issue a public notice listing:

(1) The acceptance for filing of all applications and major amendments thereto;

(2) Significant Commission actions concerning applications listed as acceptable for filing;

(3) Information which the Commission in its discretion believes of public significance. Such notices are solely for the purpose of informing the public and do not create any rights in an applicant or any other person.